

memorandum

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REPLY TO:
ATTN OF: Office of Environmental Policy and Assistance:Koss:202-586-7964

SUBJECT: Final Clean Air Act Rule on the Servicing of Motor Vehicle Air Conditioners

TO: Distribution

In order to meet provisions in Section 609 of the Clean Air Act concerning the servicing of motor vehicle air conditioners (MVACs), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgated a final rule in the December 30, 1997, *Federal Register* (62 FR 68026) that establishes requirements for the servicing of MVACs that use any refrigerant other than Chlorofluorocarbon-12 (CFC-12). (The final rule regulating the servicing of MVACs that use CFC-12 was published in the July 14, 1992, *Federal Register* [57 FR 31242].) Among other requirements, the December 1997 regulations: (1) establish a standard for recover/recycle equipment that extracts and recycles Hydrofluorocarbon-134a (HFC-134a) from MVACs, and a standard for recover-only equipment that extracts HFC-134a; (2) establish a standard for recover-only equipment that extracts a refrigerant other than CFC-12 and HFC-134a; and (3) establish standards for mobile recovery and recycling service of MVACs. The rule is applicable to Department of Energy (DOE) motor vehicle repair shops, service stations, and any other DOE facilities that service or dispose of MVACs; it is effective on January 29, 1997.

A copy of the *Federal Register* notice (23 pages) can be accessed and downloaded from: (<http://tis-nt.eh.doe.gov/oepa/rules/62fr68026.pdf>). A copy of this memorandum and the notice can also be accessed from the EH-41 Web site: (<http://tis-nt.eh.doe.gov/oepa/>); from this location click on the "Focus Areas" button, then the "Ozone-Depleting Substances" selection, then the "Regulatory Information" selection.

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